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Learning Advocacy

ENS—"Advocacy to Challenge Domestic Poverty," was a May 12-14 conference to train young adults in the skills necessary to transform unjust structures of society, frame the issues of domestic poverty and to stand with and be advocates for the poor.

training for young adults; made possible with a Constable Fund grant, which provides grants for mission initiatives that were not included in Episcopal Church's triennial budget.

Attendees, mostly high school and college students and a few young professionals, spent May 13 at the Capitol Skyline Hotel in a day-long media training conducted by Auburn Media aimed at preparing them to engage the media and to craft their core message through narrative, Christian values-based storytelling.

Following the media training, they learned about the federal budget process and the difference between discretionary and mandatory spending, the 2015 fiscal outlook, and the basics of lobbying in preparation to meet with elected officials from their home districts in South Dakota, Massachusetts, Minnesota, South Carolina, Michigan, North Carolina, New Mexico, New York and Texas.

"It really is what the church is about, equipping the saints to do work of mission," Bishop Curry (CT) said. "My hope is that this network can keep in contact across the issues and can build networks at home."

Much of the work undertaken by the Washington DC-based Office of Government Relations has a state-level component, such as the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid Expansion, said Jayce Hafner, domestic policy analyst. . . . Continued on page 13



Cassie Boettcher, left, a young adult from the Diocese of South Dakota, and Bishop John Tarrant, met with Carrie Johnson, center, a legislative assistant in U.S. Senator Tim Johnson's office on May 14 to talk about poverty in their state. Photo: Lynette Wilson/ENS

Fifty bishops and young adults, from 14 dioceses representing the Episcopal Church's eight domestic provinces, gathered in the nation's capital for the conference sponsored by the Episcopal Church and Bishops Working for a Just World, a caucus within the House of Bishops devoted to fulfilling the baptismal covenant to "strive for justice and peace and respect the dignity of every human being."

A handful of bishops make annual visits to Washington, D.C., typically in the fall, to meet with elected officials on legislative issues ranging from immigration to gun control to environmental protection, advocating positions supported by General Convention resolutions. This conference marked the first time bishops organized the

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“[Jesus] breathed on them, and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’.” John 20:22
“Suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they [the disciples] were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:2-4

Growing up in Michigan we always saw the start of summer as Memorial Day weekend. School wasn’t over and the calendar tried to tell us otherwise, but by Memorial Day we were safe from frost and anything could be planted in the garden. Even now Memorial Day takes on that meaning for me. It often has involved a parade and visit to a cemetery where prayers are said, words are read or spoken, and taps are played.

This past Memorial Day weekend was very special. It began on Friday evening with dinner with Jeanne and Rob Schwarz on Standing Rock Mission. On Saturday, early afternoon, we had a Confirmation and Eucharist service at Good Shepherd, Little Oak Creek. There were several young people who confirmed their baptismal promises. I quietly prayed over each one of them for protection, courage and wisdom and then said the formal prayer in the BCP. I drew with my thumb a cross on their forehead saying, *“remember who you are and to whom you belong.”* God’s Holy Spirit was present in that place as we prayed, broke bread, and shared a meal. It is always a holy time to be present among God’s people.

In the late afternoon we drove to the “Blue Gym” in Little Eagle, where we again celebrated the Eucharist. This was a memorial service for Cheyenne Weasel who had died the year before. Following the Eucharist there was a “wiping of the tears” ceremony. As I watched the holy man perform this ritual I was aware of the presence of the Spirit as Comforter wiping away not



The Rt. Rev. John Tarrant

only the tears in family’s eyes, but also the tears of their heart as well. God’s Spirit of peace was being breathed throughout the gym.

On Sunday morning we began our day at St. James’, Mobridge and then went to St. Peter’s, McLaughlin where the Eucharist was celebrated, baptism and confirmations offered, and refreshments and a meal shared. The gentle Spirit of our loving God was present in both places. As we sat in the new church hall at St. Peter’s (thanks to a UTO grant and the hard work of the women of the congregation), the Spirit of thanksgiving was evident.

We moved on to Holy Spirit, Firesteel (the Stone Church) where we experienced the solemn Memorial Day commemoration in the cemetery. It was a profound ceremony where the Spirit of memory and reverence gently swept across the scene. We picked up the offering of drinks and fruit from the graves and walked up the hill to honor the grave marking of an Indian scout who entered the spirit world many years before. From there we shared a meal and a simple Eucharist in the church hall as storm clouds gathered in the distance.

On the way back to our room at Grand River Casino where we were spending the night we stopped at the home of

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ECW helps Ideal

The Holy Spirit, Ideal community is very grateful to the South Dakota ECW and to their friend Sherry Lucas of Texas for their generosity. With the funds received, Father Woolley and Larry Long Crow were able to replace 5 windows in the Guild Hall, create a secure portal for the air conditioner, and neatly remove 3 windows on the north side of the building. This will make the hall easier to heat and cool. They were also able to purchase 2 lawn mowers to use to mow the Cemetery and the Church grounds.



Thank you!

TEC Work Weekend News

The TEC work weekend, May 30—June 1, was a sight to see!

Volunteers comprised of camp staff and others from throughout the Diocese came to spend a few days sprucing up TEC for the opening of the 2014 camping season.

Everyone lent a hand from cleaning, to moving furniture, to picking up pinecones.

Another goal was to start work repairing cabins. People from Brotherhood of Christian Unity and the Eastern and Central Deaneries installed insulation, new walls, and a ceiling in one cabin.

More work – and help – is needed to complete not just the inside but also the outside of three cabins. The dates of July 10—12 have been set to finish the project. Please let's make these cabin repairs a reality! Contact Don Metcalf, TEC facilities manager, to offer your help, and to let him know your arrival and leaving dates and times @ 584-2233.

Brookings' Natural Cathedral Committee

- **St. Paul's, Brookings** will use some of the money from a memorial for urban conservation landscaping, following the recommendations of the National Wildlife Federation's program called "Gardening for Wildlife." Their landscaping plan will include plants that provide food for birds and bees, water, and nesting habitat. There will also be benches and other contemplative areas that enhance the new patio.

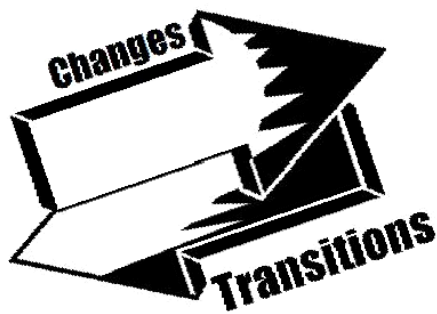
They hope to be the first church yard in South Dakota that is "certified" by the National Wildlife Federation as urban wildlife habitat. For more information...

<http://www.nwf.org/Home/How-to-Help/Gardenfor-Wildlife.aspx>

- The Natural Cathedral Committee had willow sticks for the 20+ folks who beat the bounds after church service on May 25, which was Rogation Sunday. From the bounds of their property, they viewed old photos showing how the buildings and property have changed through the years, discussed landscaping and property maintenance, and made plans for spring clean-up.

According to Wikipedia, beating the bounds is an ancient custom still observed in some English and Welsh parishes. A group of old and young members of the community would walk the boundaries of the parish, usually led by the parish priest and church officials, to share the knowledge of where the boundaries lay, and to pray for protection and blessings for the lands.

- Brookings and other SD churches in the Creation Care Network, on Earth Day Sunday presented information on water, soil, and energy conservation, recycling, and other forms of conservation stewardship and the wise use of natural resources. "Churches can play a vital role in social change by shifting the frame of reference from the individualistic views of materialism and consumerism toward a richer perspective about relationships," said Chuck Berry of St. Paul's.



It was a busy weekend . . .

On May 31, 2014 **Samuel Adams** was ordained a transitional deacon at his home and sponsoring parish, Emmanuel Church, Rapid City. This summer Sam will begin a curacy at St. George's Church in Nashville, TN, a multi-staffed, resource-sized congregation. This is quite an opportunity for Sam, to be in a parish with good clergy mentors and lay leaders from whom he can learn and grow, within the context of a healthy and vibrant parish.

On June 1, 2014 **the Rev. Cliff Moore** started as part-time interim at St. Matthew's in Rapid City. A resident of Sundance in the Diocese of Wyoming, Fr. Cliff will spend a few days each week in Rapid City helping the congregation transition to the next step in their lives together.

The Rev. Chris Rousell was installed by Bishop Tarrant as Rector of Emmanuel, Rapid City on June 1.

Fr. Chris is pictured at the right with his wife Alison and Bishop Tarrant.



June 1 was also **Fr. Stan Woolley** and his wife **Pat's** last Sunday in Winner and Ideal. We thank them for their excellent post-retirement ministry in South Dakota and wish them well as they move closer to family in South Carolina.

In addition . . .

The Rev. Deacon Brandon Mauai of the Diocese of North Dakota (Standing Rock Mission) has been elected by the Episcopal Church Executive Council on June 10 in Arizona to serve the unexpired term of the late Rev. Deacon Terry Star. Mauai's term begins immediately and continues until the Executive Council elections at General Convention 2015.



Diocesan Convention

September 26-27, 2014

Ramkota in Pierre

Detailed information and registration forms will be sent to delegates next month and more details will be in the next issue of *ChurchNews*, but here is a preview:

- 1. Clergy Conference** will be Sept 25-26 (Thursday afternoon through Friday morning).
- 2. Positions Open**, to be elected:
 - Standing Committee
 - 1 Clergy (priest or deacon), term exp 2018
 - 1 Lay, term exp 2018
- 3. Pre-Convention Deanery Meetings (PCDM)**
These meetings are a chance for delegates and any other interested persons to review and discuss the 2015 Diocesan budget and any resolutions submitted by then. They are also an opportunity for Deaneries to gather separately for any deanery business.

PCDM Schedule

WEST

Sat, Sept 6, 2:00 pm, St. Luke's, Hot Springs
1915 Washington

CENTRAL

Sat, Sept 13, 2:00 pm, Trinity, Pierre
408 N Jefferson

EAST

Sun, Sept 14, 4:00 pm, St. Paul's, Brookings
 (3:00—separate meetings of East and North-east Deaneries)
 726 Sixth Street

4. Picnic

Again this year, an It's Great To Be An Episcopalian Picnic will kick off convention. From 11:30 am—1:00 pm in Steamboat Park (on the river across from the Ramkota), brats and burgers will be served. Please join us and bring a side dish to share. Everyone is invited!

5. Opening Meal

Delegates can then relax, check in, register, and grab a little supper at the opening reception. As before, there will be TWO buffet lines with DIFFERENT menus, so feel free to check out both. There should be something for everyone.

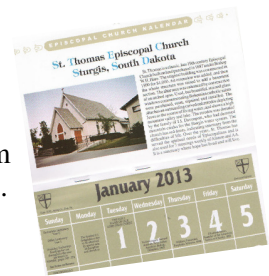
REMEMBER: In January 2011 the Diocesan

Council asked each congregation in the diocese to give \$100 per year toward the Convention Hospitality fund to help cover the cost of the Friday opening reception. Checks can be sent to the Diocesan Office.

The reception had long been a host expense, made more expensive and logistically challenging when the convention settled in a central location. Your church's donation helps provide a meal instead of hors d'oeuvres.

6. Next year's hosts: Central and Northeast Deaneries.

7. CALENDARS—be sure to PRE-ORDER your Ashby calendars and arrange for them to be picked up at Convention.



Episcopal Church Women offer Scholarships

The Diocese of South Dakota ECW is offering three (3) scholarships of \$500 each for the 2014-2015 academic year. This scholarship money may be used for the purchase of books or partial payment of tuition and fees at any South Dakota University or College or Technical Institute. The money will be sent directly to the college Finance office.

The applicant should indicate whether she is a full-time or part-time student. She must be an active member of any Episcopal Church or Mission within the South Dakota Diocese. Non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.

Application forms are available at the Diocesan website under Episcopal Church Women's Link. <https://www.diocesesd.org/ministries/episcopal-church-women/>

The packet includes:

- ECW Scholarship Guidelines

- Instruction sheet
- ECW Scholarship Application
- Proposed plan of study

NOTE: "Proposed Plan of Study" should be a composition typed on a separate sheet of paper. This should also explain your need for this financial assistance.

- Two cover letters to be filled out by the persons writing their letter of recommendation. Each one should be sent to the Chair of the scholarship committee.

You can submit your application and essay by e-mail. The clergy are allowed to email their letters of recommendations. However, the other recommendation should be mailed via US post office.

**DEADLINE IS JULY 30, 2014!
 ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!**

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CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE FUND
2013 ANNUAL REPORT
Report to 2014 Convention

One loan application was approved in 2013.

As of December 31, 2013, eight loans were being repaid, with interest rates that ranged between 3.0% and 8.25%. Balances to be repaid total \$143,834.69

Other assets in the Centennial Challenge Fund are invested in cash and Frank Russell Lifepoints Balanced Strategy Fund – Class A. As of December 31, 2013, the market value of these investments was \$423,341.61.

Church Periodical Club
Report to 2014 Convention

Church Periodical Club
 December 31, 2013

January 1, 2013 Beginning Balance		1,622.19
Miles of Pennies	401.25	
Reservation Church Sunday School	350.00	
National Book Fund	870.94	
Total	<u>1,622.19</u>	
	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Income:		
National Book Fund:		
Calvary Cathedral-Sioux Falls	0.00	60.00
Christ ECW - Yankton	0.00	100.00
Emmanuel ECW - Rapid City	<u>103.77</u>	<u>103.77</u>
Total National Book Fund Income	103.77	263.77
Miles of Pennies:		
Total Miles of Pennies Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	103.77	263.77
Expenses:		
Postage	0.00	-
CPC Supplies	0.00	-
Energy Lift Contribution	0.00	-
National Book Fund	0.00	0.00
Miles of Pennies Fund	0.00	0.00
CPC-Annual Membership	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
August 31, 2013		<u>1,885.96</u>
Miles of Pennies	401.25	
Reservation Church Sunday School	350.00	
National Book Fund	<u>1,134.71</u>	
Total	<u>1,885.96</u>	

The Church Periodical Club started out as a club in 1888 in the Church of the Holy Communion in New York City.

Mary Ann Drake Fargo and a small group of women, began sending bundles of church periodicals, prayer books and Bibles via the Wells Fargo Stage Coach Line to missionaries in the Dakotas. In support of this mission, The Church Periodical Club (CPC) continues to respond to the needs throughout the Anglican Communion.

There is an unending list of mission projects: juvenile facilities, hospitals, libraries, schools, seminarians, prisons, alcohol/drug abuse centers, retirement homes, seafarer's institutes and companion dioceses.

CPC is an independent affiliated organization of the Episcopal Church. Since the pioneer days CPC has depended entirely on voluntary contributions to carry out its unique ministry. CPC has spread into a network throughout the Episcopal Church. CPC functions at all levels: parish, diocesan, provincial and national. Throughout the national granting program. Grants are allocated worldwide based on contributions available in two funds. There is the CPC National Book Fund and CPC Miles of Pennies Fund.

CPC National Book Fund is the first national granting fund of the Church Periodical Club. Since 1922, this fund helps to meet religious and secular needs by providing printed, and audio-visual materials to individuals, churches and organizations affiliated with the Anglican Communion. These funds are distributed twice a year by the National Book Fund Committee.

The CPC Miles for Pennies Fund became the second national granting fund of the Church Periodical Club in 1989. This fund is for children only, pre-school through grade 12. It provides printed and taped books and related materials. The Miles of Pennies Committee distributes the contributions in the MOP fund year around

Historiographer
Report to 2014 Convention

It was a slow year for receiving archival documents in the diocese, but a profitable one.

One of the men who grew up in St. Paul's, Brookings, gave me several boxes of items to sort through concerning his parents, as his parents, Father Frank Thorburn and his wife Abby, were at St. Paul's for a long time in the first half of the twentieth century. Some of the items he contributed he wants to remain at St. Paul's but once I finish sorting them out, whatever is left will go to the archives at Augustana.

And Father Fred Jessett sent yet another several boxes of material to be delivered to the archives. After sorting

through the folders and books he sent, I did the historiographer's happy dance. About 30% of the information was a follow up on last year's photos and reports on Wounded Knee Two. At this juncture, I have not taken the boxes down to Augustana, because I will be spending the summer reading the marvelous documents he sent! As I write this I am waiting for a research paper on the standoff that one of my students, a faithful Episcopalian, is writing in order to complete his history major. He is using a few of the documents that were included in this year's boxes and as soon as he returns them and submits his paper, I will begin my work on the event. With fingers crossed, I hope to have a paper to submit for publication, authored by both of us, that reveals at least part of the "inside story" of that heroic event. The pictures alone are worth seeing. We will do our best to tell the story fairly, without offending either the participants or the government.

Of course, if my maternal great grandmother were to hear me say that, she would go berserk! But then, she was a Canadian Blackfoot and simply slipped over the border one year and left her tribe, so I don't really think she could complain that I was being selective in my research. She didn't leave me any records to tell her story.

April Brooks
 Historiographer, Archivist, Registrar
 The Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota
 Professor of History, South Dakota State University

Minutes of the 129th Annual Convention

The Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota
 Ramkota Conference Center - Pierre, South Dakota
 September 27-28, 2013

Plenary Session I

Call to Order: The 128th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota was called to order by Bishop John Tarrant at 7:04pm. An opening prayer was given by Secretary Pat Woolley.

Introductions: Bishop Tarrant thanked the Easter Deanery for their work as hosts of this year's Convention. Canon David Hussey will be in charge of the Dispatch of Business. All messages and requests for time with the Bishop should go through Canon Hussey. Microphones are set up and ready to go. Please use them when you wish to address the Convention. There are pages available to help or carry messages. Use your yellow card to call them.

Bishop Tarrant introduced Bishop Gordon Scruton, Retired Bishop of Western Massachusetts, and his wife Rebecca. Bishop Scruton led the Clergy Conference and will lead a workshop.

Bishop Tarrant also introduced Bishop George Young, Bishop of East Tennessee, our Companion Diocese.

Diocesan Transitions

New Clergy or Positions:

- The Rev. Lauren Stanley, is the new priest in Charge of Rosebud Mission, having moved here in February from the Diocese of Virginia.
- The Rev. Michael Johnson, formerly of the Diocese of North Dakota, was installed as Rector of Christ Church, Lead, in June.
- The Rev. Portia Hurney Corbin was ordained to the Deaconate in June at Convocation and will be ordained to the priesthood on December 21, at Trinity, Pierre. She has taken on the role of Missioner of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese.
- The Rev. Larry Ort was ordained to the priesthood in June.
- The Rev. Chris Roussel is Priest in Charge of Emmanuel, Rapid City.

Clergy or Personnel Leaving:

- The Rev. Ryan Hall resigned from St. Paul's, Brookings to take a secular job in Hastings, NE.
- The Rev. Rich Ressler resigned from Emmanuel, Rapid City to pursue interim ministry and has accepted his first assignment in Hawaii.
- The Rev. Rita Powell, resigned as Youth Coordinator and Vicar of St. Paul's, Vermillion to move to the Boston area with her family. She has accepted a position with Trinity Church in Boston.
- The Rev. Brandon Maui has resigned as Youth Missioner on Standing Rock and returned to his work in the Diocese of North Dakota.
- Deacon Caitlin Collier, Vermillion, voluntarily renounced her orders last October.
- The Rev. Jackie Bernacchi, Trinity Church, Watertown, has accepted a position on the White Earth Reservation in the Diocese of Minnesota to begin November 1.

Clergy Deaths:

- The Rev. Ed Harnsberger, who served at St. Luke's, Hot Springs for many years before his retirement, died in May in Tucson, AR.
- Pastor Ron Brugger, who served interims in Brookings, Watertown, and Huron, died Sept. 12.
- Deacon Vern Cloud, Sisseton Mission, died this past Monday, September 23. His funeral will be on Monday, September 30 at 2pm at St. John's Browns Valley

Church Transitions:

- Christ Church, Gettysburg elected to close and was deconsecrated and sold earlier this year. The proceeds from the sale went to the Thunderhead Endowment.
- St. Albans, Lower Brule was re-opened and Messiah, Iron Nation was reconsecrated this year.

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- St. Stephen's, DeSmet will be deconsecrated on October 1. The congregation will continue to worship at the local nursing home as they have for the past 2 years.

Clergy Spouses:

- Les Bunker, husband of The Rev. Jackie Bernacchi, passed away.
- Gene Tyon, husband of The Rev. Agnes Tyon, passed away.
- Helen Raschke, wife of the Rev. Vern Raschke, passed away.
- Margaret Muller, wife of the Rev. Liam Muller, passed away.

Bishop Tarrant announced that The Rev. Evelyn Weaver has stepped down as Chair of the Commission on Ministry after many years of faithful service. He presented her with a throw to honor her dedication.

Bishop Tarrant announced several people who had sent their regrets:

- The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes sent her apologies; she is attending the wedding of a niece.
- The Rev. Virginia Bird is on sabbatical.
- The Rev. Pat White Horse-Carda is at CREDO.
- The Rev. Liam Muller is spending time with family.
- The Rev. Cordelia Red Owl is handling funerals on the Pine Ridge Mission.

Steve Sanford, Chancellor, gave an overview of the agenda and deadlines for nominations and resolutions.

Bishop's Address: Bishop John Tarrant addressed the 129th Convention speaking of where we have been, where we are, and what the future may hold. He spoke of the accomplishments and future of the Youth Ministry in the Diocese including The Rosebud Intentional Community, The Standing Rock Youth Program, a new start for a Youth Program on Cheyenne River Mission, Thunderhead Episcopal Camp (which had its largest attendance in 9 years!), Taize at Red Shirt Table, and the renaming of the endowment for youth work to Native American Youth Works Foundation, to help encourage donations from outside the Diocese. Niobrara School of Ministry is being renovated under the leadership of Father Paul Sneve. Trinity Church, Watertown is in transition and will meet with the Bishop soon to pray and talk about their future.

Bishop Tarrant suggested that the past is only helpful when we use it for our teacher. As with the Hebrew people in the wilderness, life in the church can be uncertain and uncomfortable but there is "no going back to Egypt". There is no great plan or program or inspirational speech to make it all better. We must get back to the business of the church, to gather to praise and worship God and to support each other. We have the image of "a little child shall lead them", however it is the model of the adult Jesus, the Incarnate Jesus, that gives us a vision of what the

world can be. We need to focus less on institutional survival and more on living the passion for Jesus, living into the Kingdom of God.

Compline: Led by Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls.

Recess: The Convention recessed at 8:30 pm.

Plenary Session II

Following Morning Prayer, Bishop John Tarrant called the Second Plenary Session to order at 9:10 am.

Bishop Tarrant announced that the offering at today's Eucharist would go to the Sisseton Scholarship Fund in honor of Deacon Vern Cloud.

Sudan Project Presentation: The Rev. Tim Fountain updated the Convention on the reach of mission from the Diocese of South Dakota to the newest nation in the world, South Sudan. Moses Jokhnial has finished his course work and has become an airline engineer as well as a licensed pilot. He has become a US citizen and gotten married in the past year. He also lost his father. The blessings of the school, wells, and grinders continue while Moses and the community look forward to the opening of the Medical Clinic, the Mama Ruby Birthing Clinic, and the Mama Myrna Women's Center. They have begun the project of GOATS for Widows to encourage micro business. They are also working with a company from Massachusetts to utilize sustainable solar power and lighting.

Credentials Committee Report: Nyle Hedin, Credentials Chair, reported of the 126 certified lay delegates 104 are present, of the 75 certified clergy delegated 40 are present. Chancellor Sanford stated that under the Constitution there is a quorum and the Convention could proceed with business.

Parliamentarian: Chancellor Sanford reviewed procedures for speaking and making motions.

Minutes: Finding no additions or corrections for the minutes of the 2012 Convention, Jean Lacher, St. Paul's, Brookings, made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, second by Deacon Charlie Walker, Trinity, Pierre; approved by voice vote.

Call for motion to accept Reports by Title: Motion by Deacon Charlie Walker, Trinity, Pierre, to accept reports by title by various commissions and committees submitted and printed in the *South Dakota ChurchNews* in July/August and September/October issues or otherwise distributed; seconded by Jean Lacher, St. Paul's, Brookings; approved by voice vote.

Budget Presentation: Randy Barnhardt gave a review of

the budget. There was a \$516 surplus from 2013. The proposed budget is balanced with a \$50,000 reduction in revenue and expenses. Taize funding is not included in the budget this year. A \$13,000 surplus from Taize allowed repayment of the \$8,000 deficit from 2012 with \$5,000 towards 2014. \$700,000 comes to the Diocese from General Convention monies and is 46% of our budget revenue. This is an increase and has made an increase for Mission clergy and travel reimbursement possible. 4.6% of the budget revenue comes from endowment interest. As of August 2013 the endowment balance was \$7 million. Congregational giving continues to show increase over time.

54% of the budget expenses supports the Mission Field. It costs an average of \$72,000 for a full time clergy including benefits. The budget supports 10 full time and 5 part time clergy. There is a new position for TEC manager included. 4% of the expense side goes to the larger church, 9% back to the Church Center, 15.4% for program, 13.7% for Bishop and staff, and 13% for Operations. The Diocese continues to support the S. Sudanese Congregation and has applied for a \$5,000 Church Center Grant to help with that support. The people and the Diocese are working together towards self sustainment for the congregation.

There is no need for a vote as the Diocesan Council is responsible for reviewing and adopting the budget.

Elections: Pat LeBeau read the nominations for the following offices: Convention Representative to Diocesan Council - The Rev. Kim Fonder, Mni Sose Cluster; Registrar/Historiographer - Dr. April Brooks, St. Paul's, Brookings; Treasurer - Chris Clem, Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls; Secretary to Convention - The Rev. Lauren Stanley, Rosebud Mission

Pat LeBeau asked for each office, "Pursuant to The Rule of Order 7.3 of this Convention, there being only one nominee for each of these offices, the Secretary shall cast a unanimous ballot for each nominee for the office." Bishop Tarrant so ordered.

Pat LeBeau read the nominations for other offices.

General Convention Deputies Clergy:

Tamara Fonder, Holy Comforter, Lower Brule, Nominated by Niobrara Council

Erroll Geboe, Trinity, Mission, Nominated by Niobrara Council

Jean Lacher, St. Paul's, Brookings, Nominated by the Rev. Les Campbell

Rick Lutes, St. Andrew's, Rapid City, Nominated by Janet Tippett

Don Metcalf, Emmanuel, White Horse, Nominated by Niobrara Council

Dennis Potter, Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls, Nominated by Deacon Mary Husby

John Red Bear, Holy Spirit, Firesteel, Nominated by the Rev. Rob Schwarz

Carol Traversie, St. John's Eagle Butte, Nominated by Niobrara Council

Twilla Two Bulls, Christ Church, Red Shirt Table, Nominated by Lori Ann Two Bulls

General Convention Deputies Clergy:

The Rev. Kim Fonder, Mni Sose Cluster, Nominated by Niobrara Council

The Rev. Annie Henninger, Rosebud Mission/Incarnation, Gregory, Nominated by Canon David Hussey

The Rev. Canon David Hussey, Canon to the Ordinary and Transition Officer, Nominated by Niobrara Council

The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes, St. Andrew's Rapid City, Nominated by Niobrara Council

The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls, Nominated by the Rev. Christina O'Hara

Archdeacon Paul Sneve, St. Matthew's, Rapid City, Nominated by Niobrara Council

In this ballot, the top 4 vote getters in each order will be Deputies, the next 4 will be Alternates.

Standing Committee Lay:

Deanna Stands, Holy Spirit, Wagner, Nominated by the Rev. Pat White Horse-Carda

Tamara Fonder, Holy Comforter, Lower Brule, Nominated by The Rev. Kim Fonder

Standing Committee Clergy:

The Rev. Kathy Moson Lutes, St. Andrew's, Rapid City, Nominated by Niobrara Council

The Rev. George Parmeter, Retired, Huron, Nominated by the Rev. Les Campbell

The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls, Nominated by Mary Armin

In this ballot it will be the top vote getter in each order. Ballots were distributed with the instruction that a ballot MUST show the required number of votes. Ballots with more or less than the required votes will be thrown out.

Resolutions: The Very Rev. Ward Simpson, for the Committee on Resolutions, read the Resolution A059 from General Convention regarding the revision of the Book of Common Prayer for Revised Common Lectionary. This will make the daily readings align with the new lectionary. This is for information only, no vote is needed.

The Very Rev. Ward Simpson read Resolution #1 submitted by St. James, Belle Fourche regarding the number of delegates to Diocesan Convention from each congregation. The Resolution suggests changing Canon 2 to allow each congregation to send at least 2 delegates regardless of size.

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The wording needs to be changed to make it consistent with the Canon form. The Chancellor suggests the following: Canon 2.2 . . .; provided however, that each parish, organized mission, parochial mission, and mission station, all be entitled to at least 2 lay delegates.

Discussion: Les Koss, Emmanuel, Rapid City asked how the vote would be counted; by simple majority. The Rev. Ward Simpson, Calvary Cathedral expressed concern about how the delegates are decided and suggested the Canon be reviewed. Mike Reade, St. James, Belle Fourche, explained the main reason for the suggested change was for companion travel, someone to share thoughts with at Convention, and more ears to hear and report.

A voice vote was taken. The Resolution #1 was approved. That concluded the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

UTO Presentation: UTO Chair Diana Regan reported that Holy Comforter, Lower Brule, has received a full grant of \$65,856.00 to make repairs for water damage to the church. She encouraged the people of the Diocese to continue to fill their blue boxes. Do not let the “kerfluffal” over power at the Church Center deter you.

Report of the Missioner of Youth and Young Adult Ministry: The Rev. Portia Corbin introduced herself as the Missioner for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. She spoke about the positive things happening in the Diocese that build up the Body of Christ here. Thunderhead Episcopal Camp had its largest attendance across all ages in several years. Several students who are graduating have asked to come back as counselors. In a survey of campers, when asked what made camp special, 86% of the campers said the people.

The Rosebud Young Adult Community is into its second year. Taylor Andrade from Pierre and Anna Robinson from Minnesota have joined Kieran Conroy for the winter. All are settling in well.

Portia, Twilla Two Bulls, and Don Metcalf gave their impressions of the Taize gathering at Red Shirt Table in May. It was a very spiritual and energizing experience for all involved. The Diocese is committed to the continuation of the relationship with Taize.

Recess: The Convention went into recess at 10:45 to prepare for the Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows, Renewal of Ordination Vows. The Rt. Rev. George Young, Bishop of East Tennessee was the preacher. A group from the Holy Apostles, Sioux Falls Sudanese congregation shared two worship and praise songs and dance after the Eucharist.

Reconvened: The Convention reconvened to have a second ballot vote for the 4th position as Clergy Deputy to

General Convention.

Recess: The Convention recessed for luncheon.

Reconvened: The Convention reconvened to complete the balloting and get the results of the election.

Report of Tabulation of Ballots: Report given by Pat LeBeau.

General Convention Deputies Lay: Tamara Fonder, Don Metcalf, Twilla Two Bulls, Carol Traversie
 Alternates: Dennis Potter, Jean Lacher, Rick Lutes, John Red Bear, Erroll Geboe

General Convention Deputies Clergy: The Rev. Canon David Hussey, The Rev. Kim Fonder, The Rev. Paul Sneve, The Rev. Annie Henninger
 Alternates: The Rev. Kathy Munson Lutes, The Rev. Ward Simpson

Standing Committee Lay: Tamara Fonder
 Standing Committee Clergy: The Rev. Ward Simpson

Announcements:

- Workshop titles and locations were reviewed.
- The 130th Convention of The Diocese of South Dakota will be held on September 26-27, 2014, at the Ramkota in Pierre, SD. Northeast Deanery will be the hosts.
- The 142nd Niobrara Convocation will be held June 26-29, 2014, at Santee Mission. The Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies will both be attending.
- You can follow the doings of the Diocese of Facebook at SD Episcopalians. It is a closed group so ask to join.

Recess: The Convention recessed at 2:10 for workshops.

Convention Reconvened: Convention reconvened at 3:45 pm. With thanks to all who attended and helped throughout the Convention and having no further business the 129th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota adjourned at 3:45 pm with a Blessing from Bishop Tarrant.

Respectfully Submitted by
 Patricia Woolley
 129th Diocesan Convention Secretary

THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
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EXPENDITURES

MISSION CLERGY AND SUPPORT:

	12/31/2013 ACTUAL	2013 PROGRAM BUDGET EXPENSES
Salary and Housing	378,789	399,881
Medical Insurance	150,793	153,906
Less Employee Share	(15,764)	(16,345)
Travel	70,880	90,113
Housing & Utilities	83,136	82,376
Pension	99,165	101,431
Moving and Interview	5,306	6,000
Payroll Taxes	536	1,301

TOTAL MISSION CLERGY AND SUPPORT 772,841 818,663

THE LARGER CHURCH:

Episcopal Church Center Support	44,808	44,808
General Convention Deputies	7,350	7,350
Provincial Support	2,651	2,651
Provincial Synod Deputies	0	750
Lambeth Conference Reserve	750	750

TOTAL LARGER CHURCH SUPPORT 55,559 56,309

DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT

Commissions and Committees:

Aging	0	250
Commission on Ministry	2,827	2,500
Episcopal Women's Council	2,000	2,000
Liturgy and Music	0	500
Niobrara Council	3,600	3,600
Standing Committee	790	2,000

 Total Commissions and Committees 9,217 10,850

Ecumenical Relations:

Association of Christian Churches	2,000	2,000
Ecumenical Relations Chair	0	500
Flandreau Chaplaincy Program	1,000	1,000

 Total Ecumenical Affiliations 3,000 3,500

Partners With A Generous God:

Communications Goal:

Communications/Website	256	1,500
South Dakota Churchnews	6,555	7,500

Ministry Development Goal:

Clergy Conferences	4,646	7,000
Niobrara School for Ministry	7,763	10,000
Ministry Development	4,219	11,500

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ACTUAL PROGRAM
 BUDGET

Youth and Young Adult Ministry:

Rosebud Young Adult Community	30,392	60,000
Taize	52,325	59,000
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	63,220	67,250
Youth Ministry	75	1,000

Ministry Support Goal:

 Ministry Support Other 7,979 14,000

Education Goal:

Theological Education/Board of Chaplains	164	1,000
Continuing Education	1,740	2,000
Education for Ministry	4,022	3,500
Seminarian Assistance	3,750	3,750
Seminarian Expenses	2,387	2,000
Education Other	0	1,250
St. Mary's School/Leadership Development	22,152	13,000

Community Engagement Goal:

 Jubilee/Anti-Racism 159 2,000

Stewardship Goal:

 Stewardship 828 7,500

 Total Partners With God 212,632 274,750

Miscellaneous Program:

Remington Retreat Center	1,446	2,500
Other Conferences	850	1,500
Diocesan Companion Relationships	0	1,000
Outreach	4,042	5,920

 Total Miscellaneous Program Support 6,338 10,920

TOTAL DIOCESAN PROGRAM SUPPORT 231,187 300,020

EPISCOPATE AND SUPPORT STAFF 206,401 206,401

DIOCESAN OPERATIONS

Hospitality	2,305	3,000
Payroll Taxes	6,602	6,711
Pension	37,152	37,152
Medical Insurance	42,593	40,116
Less Employee Share	(2,274)	(2,274)
Travel	42,762	39,000
Audit & Professional Fees	6,001	6,500
Convention	10,182	9,000
Telephone	7,440	8,400
Office Space	4,119	4,119
Supplies	9,095	8,500
Postage	3,519	4,000
Equipment Maintenance	1,410	1,500
Equipment	678	1,500
Archives	750	750
Dues & Subscriptions	1,513	2,000
Production & Printing	847	1,000
Insurance	12,301	12,000
Diocesan Council	1,820	3,000
New Bishop Election Fund Escrow	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	0	30

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES 193,815 191,004

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1,459,803 1,572,397

THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH DAKOTA Page 3	12/31/2013 ACTUAL	2013
		PROGRAM BUDGET EXPENSES
REVENUE		
CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT:		
Parish and Missions	315,357	317,280
Late Payments	4,092	4,092
Total Congregational Support	319,449	321,372
CHAPTER ENDOWMENT SUPPORT	170,500	217,174
GEN. CONVENTION BLOCK GRANT	700,000	700,000
YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:		
Rosebud Young Adult Community	22,274	60,000
Taize	60,377	56,000
Thunderhead Episcopal Camp	19,637	37,250
Total Youth and Young Adult Ministry	102,288	153,250
EDUCATION:		
Niobrara School for Ministry Registrations	5,961	6,000
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME:		
Gifts	19,566	20,000
Remington Retreat Center	2,045	4,000
Convention Fees & Registrations	11,817	10,000
South Dakota Churchnews	6,056	6,500
Clergy Conference/Retreat Registrations	0	2,000
Undesignated Income	31,195	25,000
Designated Income	91,285	107,091
Other Interest	9	10
Total Miscellaneous Income	161,973	174,601
TOTAL REVENUE	1,460,171	1,572,397
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	368	0

2013 UTO REPORT				
Church Name	City	2013		2013 TOTAL
		SPRING	FALL	
St. Paul's	Brookings	254.14	544.84	798.98
Grace Church	Huron	187.45	218.14	405.59
St. James'	Mobridge		100.00	100.00
Trinity	Pierre		127.52	127.52
Emmanuel	Rapid City		991.35	991.35
St. Andrew's	Rapid City	451.36	563.80	1,015.16
Calvary Cathedral	Sioux Falls	630.00	592.99	1,222.99
All Angels	Spearfish		800.90	800.90
St. Thomas'	Sturgis		190.22	190.22
Trinity	Winner	98.40	25.00	123.40
Christ Church	Yankton	169.78	595.16	764.94
St. Peter's	Ft. Pierre		51.53	51.53
St. Luke's	Hot Springs	85.00	261.02	346.02
Grace Church	Madison		102.13	102.13
Christ Church	Milbank	162.00	107.95	269.95
St. Matthew's	Rapid City	116.80		116.80
St. Mary's	Webster	179.58	217.22	396.80
Ascension	Blackfoot	100.00		100.00
Holy Comforter	Lower Brule		214.42	214.42
Church of Jesus	Rosebud		44.74	44.74
St. James'	Enemy Swim	421.48		421.48
Diocesan Convention			233.55	233.55
TOTAL INCOME		2,855.99	5,982.48	8,838.47
Balance Forward				8.81
TOTALS				8,847.28
(Checks to National UTO)				(8,835.00)
Balance as of 12/31/13				12.28

(Bishop Tarrant . . .Continued from page 2)

Vernon and Theo Iron Cloud for a comfort service for their granddaughter Angeline. The Iron Clouds welcomed us into their home, into their grief, and into a moment in time they would have rather not lived. The Spirit of the One who suffered for us was ever-present, suffering with us. Those gathered shared prayers and songs, a meal and a common grief.

On Monday morning we went to Rob and Jeanne's home at Wakpala and invited God's blessing upon their garden. Throughout this summer weekend Jesus' gentle breath was breathed, the Holy Spirit washed over us.

The next weekend we experienced the Holy Spirit like the "rush of a mighty wind" that filled Emmanuel Church in Rapid City, first on Saturday at the ordina-

tion of Sam Adams and then again on Sunday at the celebration of the new ministry for Fr. Chris Roussell as the Rector of Emmanuel. The Holy Spirit was palatable during both services; there was no doubt in my mind that God's call to both Sam and Chris, through the church, was genuine.

Both weekends were Pentecost celebrations for me. The Holy Spirit came in the gentle breath of Jesus and like tongues of fire and the rush of a mighty wind. Summer comes when the frost is past; Pentecost comes when the Holy Spirit is present - no calendar is needed.

God's peace be with you,

+John

(Advocacy . . . Continued from page 1)

“Advocacy is part and parcel of our mission and we believe we won’t be whole as individuals until every member of Christ’s body has the same opportunity to be whole,” said Hafner. “Legislation is a powerful vehicle for promoting health and wholeness in our communities.”

With the House in recess, bishops and young adults met with senators and their staffers to talk specifically about six poverty-alleviation programs in the discretionary budget: supplemental nutrition; Meals on Wheels and other community-based supports for vulnerable seniors; federal unemployment benefits and allowances; Head Start and other education programs; low-income housing assistance and homelessness prevention; and the Second Chance Act, aimed at helping formerly incarcerated individuals rebuild their lives.

Bishop Stacy Sauls, chief operating officer of the Episcopal Church, pointed out during an address at the May 12 opening of the conference, that relationships and solidarity with the poor precedes advocacy. During the next day’s media training it became obvious that the young adults, whose adolescence has been marked by the Great Recession, had nailed the relationship and solidarity piece; many shared candid firsthand experiences with poverty or their work with the poor and disenfranchised.

As evidenced by the conference of bishops and young adults, the church has a responsibility to identify and develop new leaders in the church, said South Dakota Bishop John Tarrant who invited 19-year-old Cassie Boettcher, a college student and member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Watertown, South Dakota, to attend the conference. But it’s not about preparing young adults to lead in the future, it’s to lead in the present, he said.

And as the Rev. Michael Angell, the Episcopal Church’s missionary for young adults and campus ministry, sees it, developing leaders is a way to bring millennials, the 80 million people born between 1980 and 1995, into the church.

Studies show millennials don’t see the church as either relevant to society, “all talk and no action” or they see it as too caught up in partisan politics. But in his experience with millennials, they have a “holy hunch,” meaning “the world as it is, is not the world that it should be.”

When viewed as a place where they can have a voice on issues of social and economic justice, young adults see the Episcopal Church as a place where they can not only become leaders, but where they can make a real difference in the world, Angell said.

“There is a real sense for young adults that the church is a place where you can lead and get things done.”

Lynette Wilson is an editor/reporter for the Episcopal News Service



1. The Diocesan Office is on a Summer Schedule. It will be closed on Fridays at noon through August.
2. Bishop Tarrant has received permission from Diocesan Council to take a 3-month sabbatical leave in 2015. This is being planned for October, November, and December of 2015. He has several tentative projects planned, and details will be announced as the time gets closer.
3. Be sure to pre-order your 2015 Ashby Calendars from St. Augusta’s Bookshop and arrange to have them picked up at Diocesan Convention in September to save postage. Contact Mary Jane Ceretto at gibandmj@sio.midco.net or Calvary Cathedral at 605-336-3486. Next year’s calendar will feature St. Mary’s, Webster.





Summertime — The Rev. Paul Sneve

It is summer and time to get outside, go fishing, mow the lawn, garden, go on vacation and do all the things that our cold winter kept us from doing. Summer requires a change of pace, the days are longer with the sun setting later and later, and we seem to move at a different rhythm.

Many of us have planned trips across the country to see family, attend the many summer events going on around us or just to see new places. A question that few seem to ask though, is “have we made plans for our spirituality and our faith?”

If you are out of town during this summer at all, have you made plans to ensure your pledge gets paid? We can forget that just as bills keep coming while we are gone, so do the bills keep coming to our church, and someone needs to pay them. Many of our church’s ministries may even need a little extra over the summer, so please plan on keeping your support going strong.

If you will be in another city over a Sunday, why not attend a local church? There are Episcopal Churches in most communities and even if there aren’t, do a little homework to find a church that you might find interesting, you might learn something to take home to your fellow congregants. Learning from other congregations can help add life to our home churches and keep our spiritual vision from only seeing things at home.

Camping can offer different challenges to our faith. It is easy to see God’s creation in nature, so why not plan on worshipping there? Bring your prayer book and bible, look up the readings for each day or at

least for Sunday, plan to continue to pray at your meals, when you awake and when you prepare for bed.

These efforts will make your time away more spiritually grounded and sensitive to God’s promptings as well as making your readjustment time upon returning home go much smoother, with fewer feelings of needing a vacation from your vacation. If we can plan to have our mail held and our pets and gardens cared for, then why shouldn’t we plan for our spiritual health while enjoying our summer?

Camp Remington Prayer

(Prepared by Bishop Burluson, for use in The Chapel of the Transfiguration, Camp Remington, Black Hills, South Dakota)

Loving Father, Who didst make this earth so fair. Open our eyes to see its wonders and our hearts to feel its beauty. In our days of refreshment and recreation draw us nearer to Thee through the things which Thou hast made. May the joy of Thy sunshine, the quiet of Thy forests, the murmur of Thy streams and the steadfast strength of Thine everlasting hills, teach us the deep secret of Thy peace. Calm our fretful spirits. Deepen the current of our shallow lives. Renew in us faith and courage, physical strength and spiritual vision, that we may know ourselves to be safely held in Thy strong hands, and may joyfully conform our lives to Thy great purposes.

From this life, so near to Nature’s heart, may we drink in new strength to help us reach the restless hearts of men. Give us Thy secret, and the power to share it with our fellows; that we may go back to the world and its duties, stronger, simpler, sweeter; and may thus become more worthy messengers of Him, who saw His Father’s goodness in the sparrow’s flight, and His Father’s love in the beauty which clothes the lilies of the field. We ask it for His dear sake. — Amen.

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Bishop's visitation & travel dates in bold letters

Diocesan Calendar

JULY

Jul 4 Diocesan Office closed
Jul 6 Bishop supplies in Watertown
 Jul 10-12 TEC Work Weekend
 Jul 12 Diocesan Council
Jul 12-13 Mni Sose Cluster
Jul 20 Bishop supplies at St. Andrew's, RC
July 27 Bishop visits Red Shirt Table

AUGUST

Aug 1-12 Bishop on vacation
 Aug 10 *ChurchNews* deadline (Sep/Oct issue)
 Aug 23 TEC Board Mtg, Pierre
Aug 24 Bishop visits Winner & Ideal

SEPTEMBER

Sep 1 Diocesan Office closed
 Sep 5-6 Commission on Ministry, Pierre
Sep 7 Bishop visits Hot Springs
 Sep 6, 13, 14 Pre-Convention Deanery Meetings
Sep 14 Bishop visits Rosebud Mission (East)
 Sep 25-26 Clergy Conference, Pierre
 Sep 26 Picnic! in Pierre
 Sep 26-27 Diocesan Annual Convention
Sep 28 Bishop visits Ft. Pierre & Holy Name

OCTOBER

Oct 12 Bishop visits Emmanuel, Rapid City
 Oct 13 Diocesan Office closed
Oct 19 Bishop visits Pine Ridge Mission
 Oct 25 Diocesan Council
Oct 26 Bishop visits Sturgis

NOVEMBER

Nov 2 Bishop visits Good Shepherd, SF
 Nov 9 Bishop visits Cheyenne River Mission
 Nov 16 Bishop visits Aberdeen

DECEMBER

Dec 7 Bishop visits Yankton
 Dec 14 Bishop visits Huron

JANUARY

Jan 4 Bishop visits Tiospaye Wakan
 Jan 11 Bishop visits St. Andrew's, RC
 Jan 25 Bishop visits Brookings



The Diocesan office is on summer hours

Closed on Fridays at noon.



Trinity, Wall Street just released information on the 2015 Trinity Institute: Creating Common Good.

January 22-24, 2015 will be a “practical conference for economic equality. As Christians, we care about social justice and we know that the Church can create change. But on a practical level, how do we take on the pervasive, overwhelming issue of economic inequality?” The scheduled speakers have real life experience in making change and will provide practical tools to use in your community.

Justin Welby—Archbishop of Canterbury

Cornel West—Author

Barbara Ehrenreich—Author

Plus: Other experts in the field

The conference is held in New York City, but it is possible to watch webcasts of the keynote talks plus get materials for discussion and use in faith formation in Advent and Lent.

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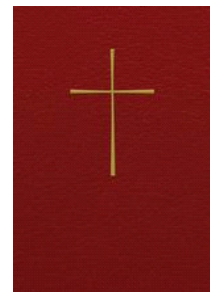
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